WHAT IS CLAIMED IS

1. A surgical tray in which an animal is held in place in a dorsally recumbent position, the surgical tray including in combination:

a shell having a base contoured to conform generally to the back, neck and head regions of an animal, the shell further having opposite sides formed by raised side wall portions extending above the base in the vicinity of the head and thorax area of an animal placed in the surgical tray, the raised side wall portions forming a generally U-shaped cross-sectional configuration with the base of the shell, with scapular shoulder rests for an animal and openings adjacent the front and rear leg positions of an animal placed in the shell;

means to raise the base of the shell above a table surface upon which it is placed; and

a plurality of detachable leg straps for positioning and holding the legs of an animal, wherein each detachable leg strap is led around the leg of an animal and passed through a corresponding one of the openings in the shell.

2. A surgical tray according to Claim 1 wherein the means to raise the shell above a table surface comprise projections extending from the bottom of the shell and unitarily formed with it.

- The animal surgical tray according to Claim 1 wherein there is a detachable leg strap for each of the four legs of an animal.
- 5. The animal surgical tray according to Claim 1 wherein the raised side wall portions forming the generally U-shaped crosssectional configuration with the base of the shell is in the form of a "U" having diverging sides extending from the bight of the "U".
- A surgical tray according to Claim 1 further including means on the exterior of the shell for releasably securing each detachable leg strap against movement.
- 7. A surgical tray according to Claim 6 wherein the means for releasably securing the leg straps includes hook and loop fastener members.
- The surgical tray according to Claim 1 wherein the shell is formed of a radiolucent material.

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- A surgical tray according to Claim 9 wherein the means for releasably securing the leg straps includes hook and loop fastener members.
- 11. A surgical tray according to Claim 9 wherein the means to raise the shell above a table surface comprise projections extending from the bottom of the shell and unitarily formed with it.
- The animal surgical tray according to Claim 11 wherein there is a detachable leg strap for each of the four legs of an animal.
- A surgical tray according to Claim 12 wherein the shell has a plurality of drain holes therethrough.
- The animal surgical tray according to Claim 2 wherein 14. there is a detachable leg strap for each of the four legs of an animal.

- 15. A surgical tray according to Claim 14 wherein the shell has a plurality of drain holes therethrough.
- 16. A surgical tray according to Claim 15 further including means on the exterior of the shell for releasably securing each detachable leg strap against movement.
- 17. A surgical tray according to Claim 16 wherein the means for releasably securing the leg straps includes hook and loop fastener members.